

A FAMOUS CHARGER.

The Story of Marengo, Napoleon's Last War Horse.

Napoleon helped himself to the creature when he encountered the manes on the banks of the Nile in 1798. Superb as were the horses of these "knights of the desert," the white charger with the "great black eyes, wide nostrils, clean limbs and a brave heart," as Ibrahim the bey described him, was the most splendid of them all. He was a small horse, only just over fourteen hands, faultless in shape and dauntless in courage. Napoleon rode him at the siege of Acre, at the battles of Marengo, Austerlitz, Jena and Wagram. He took him to Moscow in that fatal campaign against Russia and rode him at Borodino and on the Beresina river.

When disaster had come and Napoleon was banished to Elba, the favorite horse was not permitted to accompany him. "I had rather I had shot him than that King Louis should possess him," the fallen emperor said, and he laughed with grim satisfaction when an equerry reminded him that the Bourbon king was himself too unwieldy to ride Marengo or any other horse. Two years passed, and Napoleon was back in Paris. The turn of fortune's wheel had brought him to the top again; Louis was a fugitive, and the emperor was wildly acclaimed by the fickle populace, who but a few weeks before had shouted for the king.

Once more Marengo was led from his stable; once more the housings with the gilded bees were buckled on his shapely form. The horse, old in years and white as fresh flaked snow, was as full of courage as ever. His master's hand passed lovingly over his satin skin as Napoleon mounted him that fatal 18th of June when the troops were forming up on the fields which had been so fresh and green that morning and where the lark's sweet song was silenced by the first booming of the guns. The white charger carried the emperor as proudly as ever; the wide nostrils sniffed the battle clouds as they had often done before. A musket ball struck the creature's flanks, and the white skin and golden bees were stained with blood and dust.

Late in the afternoon Napoleon turned his horse's head from the field. The battle was fought and lost. Only Marengo's steedness and tireless courage remained between him and captivity. Nobly the old horse responded to his call. Away through the trampled corn, across the broken ground, through the awful scenes of slaughter and the heaps of the dead and dying; away through the merciful darkness of the summer night; away toward Paris once again.

That was the last time Napoleon rode his favorite. Lord Petre found the poor beast, wounded and utterly worn out, at a roadside inn, where Napoleon had entered his carriage, leaving the horse behind. Marengo was brought to England, and eventually sold to General Angerstein of the grenadiers. His old age was passed at Angerstein's place in Norfolk, where the horse—to the last "beautiful as a picture"—attracted much notice. On his death the general presented one of the hoofs to his old comrades of the Guards brigade, and another belongs to General Angerstein's family, at Weeting Hall, Norfolk.—London Modern Society.

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Washington's Birthday.

The first known celebration of Washington's birthday was on Feb. 11, 1784. The old style date was still adhered to. This was during the lifetime of the first president and completed his fifty-third year. The following is from the Pennsylvania Packet of Philadelphia of the date of Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1784: "New York, Friday, Feb. 13.—Wednesday last being the birthday of his excellency General Washington the same was celebrated by all the true friends of American independence and constitutional liberty with that hilarity and manly decorum ever attendant on the sons of freedom. In the evening an entertainment was given on board the East India ship in this harbor to a very brilliant and respectable company, and a discharge of thirteen cannon was fired on the joyful occasion." The observance of the day was not confined to New York city.

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